Assistance for purchase of land for landless tribals in Kerala

2368. SHRI N.K. PREMACHANDRAN: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of Kerala requested central assistance for purchase of land for settling landless tribals;

(b) whether Government have taken any decision in the matter; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS (SHRI JUAL ORAM): (a) to (c) The Ministry has received a request from the Govt. of Kerala regarding additional Central assistance of Rs. 100 crores during the current financial year to help them solve the problem of landless tribals. 'Land' being a 'State' subject, the State Govt. has, however, been advised that the problems of landless tribals may be solved on an urgent basis and in a time bound fashion. The State Govt. has also been advised to purchase land from private and other parties, if so required, for tribals from the SCA to TSP and grants under article 275(1) of the Constitution and TSP funds of the State Govt. by pooling resources from all sources.

No funds for this specific purpose have been released by the Ministry.

Tribals in Rajasthan

2369. DR. ABRAR AHMED: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the tribals population in Rajasthan as per the latest census;

(b) the tribal belts identified in the State, disrict-wise; and

(c) the programmes and schemes being implemented for their development?

THE MINISTER OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS (SHRI JUAL ORAM): (a) The Tribal population in Rajasthan as per 1991 census is 5474881.

(b) The districts of Banswara, Dungarpur, Udaipur, Chiittaurgarh and Sirohi are identified as tribal belts in the State of Rajasthan.

(c) The programmes and schemes being implemented for their development are enlisted in the statement.